REMARKS

Claims 1 to 10 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1 to 10 are amended herein. No new matter is added by the amendments to the claims.

The disclosure is objected to because acronyms are used throughout the specification without first defining what they stand for. The acronyms "DVD", "RW", "TV", "HTTP", "XML", "SCART", "UTP" and "BNC" have been defined, as appropriate. The trademarks "Panasonic" and "Blu-Ray" have been capitalized and accompanied by generic terminology. It is submitted that these corrections place the specification in proper form. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is earnestly requested.

The drawings are objected to because they were found to be difficult to follow without labels on the drawings. Specifically, in order for the drawings to easily convey the invention, labels on the items in the drawings are needed. Small text labels have been added to the drawings so that a reader can follow each step in the method and identify each object in the system without searching the specification. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is requested.

Claims 1 to 9 stand objected to because claim 1 states "providing a user interface for selecting a content item" and "retrieving a further content item related to the content item". Claim 1 has been amended to claim:

A method of storing content on a removable medium, the method comprising the steps of:

-        providing a user interface for selecting a first content item stored on a storage means;

-        storing content on the removable medium,

-        retrieving a further content item related to the first content item from a system on a network using an identification of the first content item a title, wherein the identifier is an indicator selected from the group consisting of a fingerprint of the content item, an identifier embedded in the content item, an identifier embedded in an electronic program guide entry of the content item, and address of the system; and

-        storing content on the removable medium comprises storing the further content item on the removable medium.

Claim 8 stands objected to for lack of clarity in how the enumerated steps further characterize the method. Claim 8 has been amended to claim:

An electronic device for storing content on a removable medium, the electronic device comprising:

-        a writer able to store content on the removable medium; and

- a control unit able to use an input device and an output device to enable a user to select a first content item stored on a storage means wherein:

- the electronic device further comprises a network interface;

- wherein the control unit is able to use the network interface to retrieve a further content item related to the first content item from a system on a network using an identifier of the content item;

- wherein the identifier is an indicator selected from the group consisting of a fingerprint of the content item, an identifier embedded in the content item, an identifier embedded in an electronic program guide entry of the content item, and address of the system, and

- wherein the control unit is able to use the writer to store the further content item on the removable medium.

It is submitted that the amendments to claims 1 and 8 rectify the identified informalities. Withdrawal of the objections to claims 1 to 9 is requested.

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, claim 4 claims a step of "authenticating to the system". Claim 4 has been amended to claim:

A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of determining whether a user is a subscriber.

It is submitted that claim 4 now properly complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 4 is respectfully requested.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 10 has been amended, as suggested by the Action, to claim:

A computer storage medium embodying program instructions that when executed, cause a programmable apparatus to function as an electronic device for storing content on a removable medium, comprising functions for:

-        providing a user interface for selecting a content item stored on a storage means;

-        retrieving a further content item related to the content item from a system on a network using an identification of the content item; and

storing the further content item on the removable medium.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 10 now properly complies with 35 U.S.C. § 101. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 10 stand rejected by the Action under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by European Patent No. WO 02/067125 to Millard (hereinafter "Millard"). Applicants respectfully submit that Millard does not expressly or inherently disclose all of the elements set forth in independent claims 1, 8 and 10. Thus, Millard does not anticipate claims 1, 8 and 10 or the claims which depend therefrom.

It is an object of the invention of claim 1 to provide a method of storing content on a removable medium, the method comprising the steps of providing a user interface for selecting a content item stored on a storage means and storing content on the removable medium, which content is enhanced for permanent storage. Accordingly, claim 1 claims a method of storing content on a removable medium, the method comprising the steps of: providing a user interface for selecting a first content item stored on a storage means; storing content on the removable medium, retrieving a further content item related to the first content item from a system on a network using an identification of the first content item a title, wherein the identifier is an indicator selected from the group consisting of a fingerprint of the content item, an identifier embedded in the content item, an identifier embedded in an electronic program guide entry of the content item, and address of the system; and storing content on the removable medium comprises storing the further content item on the removable medium.

According to the invention of claim 1, the step of retrieving a further content item comprises retrieving a part of a master copy of the content item, the part not being

present in the content item. This part of a master copy may be the beginning or ending of

a TV program, e.g. credits of a movie, a removed scene, an added scene, a biography, a

documentary, an image, an advertisement, a menu, a menu comprising an advertisement,

and a trailer. The further content item may also be an interfered part due to a bad signal,

wherein the missing or interfered parts may be retrieved to make the content item of the

same quality as the master copy. Accordingly, the method further comprises a step of

retrieving the further content item related to the content item from a system on a network

using an identifier of the content item, wherein the identifier is a title, a fingerprint of the

content item, an identifier embedded in the content item, or an identifier embedded in an

electronic program guide entry of the content item. An identifier may also comprise an

address of the system.

Millard does not disclose a step of retrieving a further content item related to the

first content item from a system on a network using an identifier of the first content item

a title. Specifically, Millard fails to disclose an identifier that is an indicator selected

from the group consisting of a fingerprint of the content item, an identifier embedded in

the content item, an identifier embedded in an electronic program guide entry of the

content item, and address of the system, as now clearly claimed in claim 1.

Independent claims 8 and 10 now also claim a step of retrieving a further content

item related to the first content item from a system on a network using an identification of

the first content item a title, wherein the identifier is an indicator selected from the group

consisting of a fingerprint of the content item, an identifier embedded in the content item,

an identifier embedded in an electronic program guide entry of the content item, and address of the system. Accordingly, claims 8 and 10 are patentable over Millard for the reasons discussed with respect to claim 1. Dependent claims 2 to 7 and 9 depend from claims 1 and 8 and provide further features, thus claims 2 to 7 and 9 are clearly distinguishable over Millard for at least the reasons discussed. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 to 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

Allowance of claims 1 to 10 is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the specification, the drawings and all claims presented in this application are currently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Should any changes to the claims and/or specification be deemed necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

Applicants' representative believes that this response is being filed in a timely manner. In the event that any extension and/or fee is required for the entry of this

amendment the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account

No. 14-1270. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or

feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call David Barnes,

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